

Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application, as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

Claims 4 and 5 are presently pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 have been canceled. Claim 3 was canceled in a previous amendment. As it is believed that the claims were patentable over the cited art in their original form, the claims have not been amended to overcome the references.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that item 3 of the above-identified Office Action indicated that claims 4 and 5 are allowed. Among other limitations, the prior art does not teach or suggest a shift register coupled to a memory in a correlator, as particularly claimed in Applicants' claims 4 and 5.

In item 2 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U. S. Patent No. 5,590,160 to Ostman. However, it is believed that the above rejection has been mooted by the cancellation of claims 1 - 3 and 6 - 7.

It is accordingly believed that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, teach or suggest

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the features of claims 4 and 5. Claims 4 and 5 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 4 - 5 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out. In the alternative, the entry of the amendment is requested, as it is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal, without requiring extension of the field of search.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

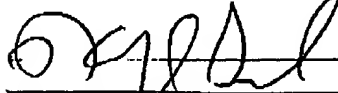
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